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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Anaheim – Student Posts Online Threats to Schools

(U) A 14-year-old student was arrested on 14 November for making criminal threats involving four Orange County high schools. The suspect—an Anaheim resident and a freshman at Western High School—was booked at juvenile hall for allegedly making criminal threats, police said. Police believe the threats were not credible. Security was stepped up this week at the four Orange County high schools named in the online postings: Magnolia, Western, Cypress and Buena Park. The threats made on Snapchat and Instagram were discovered Sunday night and warned of school shootings this Friday.

SOURCE: 14 November 2017, [ABC 7 Los Angeles](#)

(U) Santa Ana – Three More Cases of Legionnaires Disease Confirmed in Outbreak

(U) The Orange County Health Care Agency has identified three new cases in a Legionnaires' disease outbreak linked to Anaheim, bringing the total number to 15. Eleven out of the 15 cases involve people who visited Disneyland in September, including one who worked there. Health officials said two of the three new cases involved individuals who visited Disneyland. The Health Care Agency is working with the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help medical providers and public health departments identify the infection in people who may have become ill after traveling to Anaheim, particularly Disneyland, before 7 November, officials said.

SOURCE: 15 November 2017, [Orange County Register](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Carolina – Alleged ISIS Recruiter Pleads Guilty of Fraud, Tax Charges

(U) Raleigh – An Eastover resident the FBI says was a recruiter for ISIS forces pleaded guilty on 13 November in federal court to federal fraud and tax charges, agency spokesman Don Connelly said. Houcine Becher Ghouli, 43, who was born in Tunisia, pleaded guilty to lying on his application for US citizenship and two counts of filing false tax returns, Connelly said. Ghouli was living in Cumberland County in April 2014 when the FBI was first alerted to his activities through screenshots of his Facebook account. The account was in an Arabic name and “immediately appeared to be in support of the well-known terrorist group, the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS),” an affidavit said.

SOURCE: 13 November 2017, [Fayetteville Observer](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – More Than 70 Arrested in Sinai Raids

(U) Cairo – Egyptian security forces killed three suspected militants and arrested 74 others in raids targeting militant groups in North Sinai in recent days, the military said in a statement today. Egypt faces an Islamist insurgency led by ISIS in the Sinai Peninsula, where hundreds of soldiers and police have been killed since 2013. As part of their raids, security forces destroyed five four-wheel drive vehicles and four storage sites used to manufacture improvised explosive devices, the military statement said.

SOURCE: 16 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Maldives – Maldives Investigation Alleges Two Suspects were Planning Suicide Attack in Capital**

(U) Male – Two Maldivians suspected of having links to ISIS militants were planning to carry out a suicide attack in the country's capital, government officials said yesterday. A spokesman at the Prosecutor General's office said a police investigation discovered the planned attack in Male but declined to elaborate on a specific location or the time of the attack. Significant numbers of radicalized Maldives youths have enlisted to fight for ISIS in the Middle East, and President Abdulla Yameen's government has brought some new laws to arrest Maldivians joining the group.

SOURCE: 15 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Suicide bombers kill 10 in Maiduguri

(U) Maiduguri – Suicide bomb attackers killed 10 people and wounded 30 in the northeast Nigerian city of Maiduguri yesterday, an emergency agency official said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the latest attack, but the militant group Boko Haram is suspected to be responsible. Boko Haram has killed more than 20,000 people since 2009 as part of its attempt to create an Islamic state in the Lake Chad basin. Maiduguri is the capital of Borno state and the city worst hit by the jihadist insurgency. At least 221 people have been killed in bombings and gun attacks in northeast Nigeria since June.

SOURCE: 15 November 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Texas – New Report Shows How Mexican Cartels are Infiltrating Texas**

(U) San Antonio – Mexican cartels smuggle more drugs into the US than any other criminal group, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration said in a new report. The 2017 National Drug Threat Assessment released in October lists six cartels as having major influences across the country and Texas. Cartels' influence in Texas is far-reaching, affecting cities hundreds of miles from the state's border with Mexico.

SOURCE: 15 November 2017, [San Antonio Express-News](#)

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